

What is claimed is:

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1. A method of managing a switch, comprising:  
installing the switch having a plurality of processor elements;  
installing an operating system on each processor element;  
creating a system virtual router;  
configuring the processor elements from the system virtual router.
  2. An article comprising a computer readable medium having instructions thereon, wherein the instructions, when executed in a computer, create a system for executing the method of claim 1.
  3. A switch management system, comprising:  
an object manager; and  
a distributed management layer, wherein the object manager communicates with objects through the distributed management layer.
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